ASPLENIUM.

Lin. Gen. Plan. 1178.

ASPLENIUM scolopendrium.

Linn. Spec. Plan. 1537. *Ray Syn.* 116. *Flo. Scot.* 660. *Flo. Ang.* 452. *Ger. Em.* 1138. *Park.* 1040.

TAB. XI.

HARTS TONGUE.

THE root is black, hard, covered with ſcales, and emitting numerous ſtrong black fibres.

Leaves from five to twelve inches long, lance-ſhaped above, the two ſides rounded at the bottom, ſo as to give a cordated appearance to the lower extremity of the leaf, and receiving the rib in the hollow dent; the rib is brown or blackiſh, hard, gloſſy, having brown chaffy ſcales, and is deſtitute of leaf about one-third of its length; the leaf is hard, tough, and firm to the touch, with numerous parallel veins running obliquely from the central nerve to the margin, of a dark ſhining green above, paler underneath, and often more or leſs undulated at the edge.

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